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Cc: Wynn, David[Wynn.David@epa.gov]
From: Nakatsu, Jason
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 9:30:03 PM
Subject: RE: Abandoned Mine Release into Animas River - Health & Safety Training, and Medical Surveillance

Brian,

Prior to actual deployment(Friday for some), all field staff performing emergency operations outside of the EOC were trained field employees and were in med surveillance. On the same day I was called out, our finance/budget person was also sent. Besides normal office type hazards and driving safety she has no need to participate in the medical surveillance program nor will be in an environment where she would be exposed to any hazards relating to the release. She is handling Unified Command Finance Section and not a field person performing work under any standard. She is an RSC member and performing the same/very similar duties for the response as she does in her "normal" position which does not include or require medical surveillance. Both David Wynn's email and yours state that All emergency response personnel must either be in OMSP or have and expedited clearance. I don't believe this would be true for folks who are deployed to positions very similar to their normal job function and would not be doing any field work/field visits to areas that present a health and safety hazard? If this is the case let me know as the RSC coordinator, resources folks have not been operating.

From: Kovak, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:30 PM
To: Beasley, Craig; Nakatsu, Jason
Cc: Wynn, David
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All emergency response personnel must be current on their field safety training and be medically cleared for field work by:

1. Currently participating in the medical surveillance program, or
2. Receive an expedited medical clearance from FOH, if part of the Regional response support corp.

Do not deploy EPA staff to an ER incident that do not meet these requirements.

Thanks,

Brian

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From: Beasley, Craig

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:44 PM

To: Nakatsu, Jason

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Jason, We might need to take this off line, because all responders should be up to date with their Health and Safety Training before deployment and each responder if not in the medical Surveillance program should have a base line before they deploy and a post exam when they return.

Brian, please chime in if I'm wrong.

Our standards

From: Nakatsu, Jason
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:30 PM
To: EOC Safety Officer; Gomez, Kendra; Woodlee, Jeff; Krueger, Roy
Cc: EOC_Deputy_Manager,; Beasley, Craig; EOC Documentation; EOC_Manager,; Gibson, Dave; Wilson, Howard
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David,

We can discuss at a later point in time but for R8 not ALL of the responders need to have medical surveillance and H&S training.

From: Wynn, David **On Behalf Of** EOC Safety Officer
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Nakatsu, Jason; Gomez, Kendra; Woodlee, Jeff; Krueger, Roy
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SHEMP managers,

Thank you for your efforts!

This is a reminder that all employees who are responding must have completed their H&S training requirements and be enrolled in medical surveillance, if required.

If you are having any difficulty fulfilling these requirements, please advise.

Thanks,

David Wynn, CIH, CSP, CHMM, CSHM, CET, ARM

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